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SUBJECT: SEC INTEREST IN POSSIBLE VESCO DEPOSITS IN PANAMA

1. SEC HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT IT HAS INFORMATION WHICH IT BELIEVES INDICATES 40 MILLION DOLLARS CONTROLLED BY ROBERT VESCO HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN BANCO DE COLOMBIA IN PANAMA CITY. SEC BELIEVES ACCOUNTS WERE OPENED UNDER FOLLOWING NAMES: BAHAMAS COMMONWEALTH BANK, PHOENIX FINANCIAL, AND TRIDENT BANK, ALL OF WHICH SEC BELIEVES VESCO AND/OR HIS ASSOCIATES CONTROL.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES IN BANKING COMMUNITY AND WITH GOP TO VERIFY OR REFUTE ABOVE INFORMATION. IF ACCOUNTS EXIST SEC WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THEM, SUCH AS CURRENT BALANCES AND STATUS OF ACTIVITY, WHO OPENED THEM AND WHO ARE SIGNATORIES. SEC AND DEPARTMENT ARE AWARE OF GOP RELUCTANCE TO DIVULGE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO DEPOSITS IN BANKS OPERATING IN PANAMA, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE
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